Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The Directory is not the final authority in the matter. They may have existed when the Directory was printed and the telephones may not be there now.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Apart from the figures given, what is the cost of the establishment of the Secretariat working at Kumara Krupa?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The Hon'ble Member knows that the Chief Minister has a Private Secretary, a Personal Secretary and a clerk. That is not put on the list. In addition to the list given in the answer, this is the number—number of staff—who are attached to the residence for work.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I want to know the cost of the Secretariat establishment at Kumara Krupa. The cost of the establishment given in the answer is apart from the cost of the Secretariat working at Kumara Krupa.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I want notice.

Taxing lands and houses belonging to the Maharaja of Mysore.

Q.—155. **Sri K. PUTTASWAMY** (Srirangapatna).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the steps they have so far taken to see that the lands and houses belonging to the Maharaja of Mysore are taxed;

(*b*) whether they have recovered such taxes so far?

A.—**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO** (Minister for Law and Labour) [on behalf of Sri K. Hanumanthaiya (Chief Minister)]—

(*a*) Orders have been issued rendering the private properties of His Highness the Maharaja liable to taxation except the Palaces at Mysore and Bangalore.

(*b*) This is recoverable by the Departments concerned and the information is being collected.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—When was the order passed? The date?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I shall get that date and let you know.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—When will you take that step?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—As I said, I shall get the date and let you know.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—I want to know what progress Government have made since then?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is learnt that a special law is necessary and so a Bill is being brought forward.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—When was that necessity felt?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—After examining the question.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What time did the Government take to examine that question?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—From February 1951.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—From February 1951 to what date?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—To the date the Bill will be introduced?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Did it take two years for this question to be examined?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Unfortunately this has taken that period.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What is the legal provision that was necessary for levying taxes on lands of His Highness the Maharaja?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—There was an agreement between the Mysore Government, the Government of India and His Highness, and, in pursuance of that, steps are being taken.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What was the date.....?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Anyhow the Bill will be placed before the House.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The Bill relates only to the properties in the municipal limits. I want to know what steps the Government have taken to levy taxes on lands?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That is also being examined.